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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mailed September 20, 2005. Claims 1-3 have been amended. Claims 6-8 have been cancelled. Claims 9-28 were previously withdrawn. Thus, claims 1-5 and 9-29 are pending, of which claims 9-28 have been withdrawn.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(m) for having dark shaded areas. Applicants have submitted formal replacement drawings with this amendment. Therefore, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, as being indefinite. The Office actions states that "the material matching" lacks an antecedent basis and the intended meaning of the term is not clear. Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claims 7 and 8 into claim 1, and "the material matching" term in claim 1 has been rewritten as "a matching of materials." Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

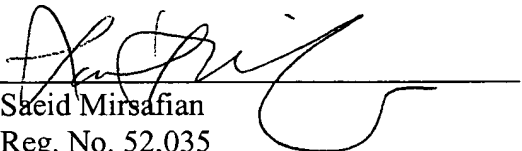
Claim 8 has been considered allowable. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 8 and intervening claims 6 and 7. Accordingly, claim 1 is now in allowable form.

In response to the rejection of claims 6 and 7 under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-7 of Scheck et al. (US 6,702,089), Applicants are also filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, by which Applicants disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the present

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application that would extend beyond the expiration of Scheck et al. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection based on Scheck et al. should be withdrawn.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 12 sheets of replacement drawings, which include Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 4-12, 17 and 18, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 4-12, 17 and 18.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets